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SUBJECT: INITIAL INPUT CABLE FOR STANDARDS SUBGROUP
- MEETING SEPTEMBER 15, 1978

1. MTN DEL VIEWS SUBJECT MEETING PRIMARILY AS A
KICK OFF FOR THE FINAL PHASE OF SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS.
KEY DELEGATIONS HAVE RETURNED FROM HOLIDAYS AND ARE
NOT YET IN A POSITION TO ENGAGE IN SUBSTANTIVE DIS-
CUSSIONS ON THE MAJOR OUTSTANDING ISSUES. NONETHELESS,
THIS FIRY SUBGROUP MEETING IS CRITICAL TO SET THE
TONE AND DIRECTION FOR AUTUMN'S WORK PROGRAM.
2. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SOME IMPETUS TO THESE NEGO-
TIATIONS, U.S. MTN DEL SUGGESTS THAT A DRAFT CODE
TEXT BE DEVELOPED WITH BRACKETED ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE.
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SUCH A PRESENTATION WILL HELP FOCUS DISCUSSIONS IN
DIVERGENT POSITIONS. FURTHERMORE, WE BELIEVE THAT
THIS APPROACH MIGHT WELL PERSUADE OTHER DELEGATIONS
TO SIDE WITH THE U.S. TO ENSURE THAT SUBSTANTIVE
PROVISIONS ARE INCORPORATED TO DEAL WITH THE
POTENTIALLY TRADERESTRICTIVE AFFECTS OF REGIONAL
STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS. IN AN INFORMAL

SESSION WITH THE EC IN JULY, WE MADE AN INITIAL ATTEMPT AT SUCH AN EXERCISE. THE PRODUCT OF THIS SESSION WAS SENT TO WASHINGTON. OUR INTENTION WOULD BE TO CONTINUE THIS WORK WITH THE EC, THEN EXPAND THE SESSIONS TO INCLUDE CANADA, THEN THE NORDIC COUNTRIES, AND POSSIBLY OTHERS. THIS IS THE SAME TECHNIQUE THAT HAS SERVED US WELL IN GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT, CUSTOMS MATTERS, AND SUBSIDIES/CVD.

3. ACTION PLAN: PRIOR TO SUBJECT MEETING U.S. MTN DEL PLANS TO EXPLORE WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS THEIR VIEWS ON DEVELOPING A BRACKETED TEXT. IF RESPONSE IS POSITIVE, U.S. MTN DEL WOULD INFORM SUBGROUP THAT INFORMAL CONTACTS WILL BE INITIATED TO FURTHER REFINE POSITIONS ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES, PARTICULARLY THOSE OUTLINED BY THETSUBGROUP CHAIRMAN AT THE JULY 1978 SUBGROUP MEETING, WITH A VIEW TO PROVIDE SUBGROUP WITH ALTERNATIVE DRAFT CODE LANGUAGE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY WASHINGTON AGENCY REACTION TO SUCH AN APPROACH PRIOR TO SUBGROUP MEETING.

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